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Man Convicted of Murder in Mistaken Identity Case

A 19-year-old man has been found guilty of murdering a woman in South Los Angeles he thought had been in a fight with his mother, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jose Alberto Perez of Los Angeles was convicted yesterday of one count each of second-degree murder and assault with a deadly weapon. Perez faces 40 years to life in state prison when he is scheduled to be sentenced on March 1, 2017.

Deputy District Attorney David Richman prosecuted the case.

On March 18, 2015, Perez brought a shotgun to his stepfather's house in the 300 block of W. 56th Street. The defendant mistook his stepfather's girlfriend for someone who had previously been in an altercation with his mom.

Perez confronted 35-year-old Yesenia DeLeon and shot her once in the face, killing her. As Perez left the house, he is accused of firing his gun outside. No one was injured.

Case BA434741 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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